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AMCONSUL JOHANNESBURG

INFO AMCONSUL CAPE TOWN

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AMEMBASSY GABORONE

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SUBJECT: ASHE VISIT

FOR USIS: JOHN BURNS

1. DONALD DELL, FORMER US DAVIS CUP CAPTAIN NOW ATTORNEY FOR ARTHUR ASHE, MET WITH DEPARTMENT OFFICERS NOVEMBER 14 TO INFORM THEM OF EXPECTED ASHE/DELL ARRIVAL JOHANNESBURG EITHER SATURDAY OR SUNDAY, NOV. 17,18, VIA BOAC FLIGHT 31 FROM LONDON. DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDED DELL CONTACT JOHN BURNS IN JOHANNESBURG AND DCM SMITH IN PRETORIA FOR ADVICE ON DEALING WITH PRESS AND VARIOUS OTHER PUBLIC RELATIONS PROBLEMS. DELL WILL CONTACT BURNS BY PHONE AFTER ARRIVAL JOHANNESBURG. SUGGEST ADDRESSEES OFFER FULL, DISCREET COOPERATION.

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2. DELL SAID ASHE DELUGED WITH INVITATIONS AND SUGGESTED

PROGRAMS, WHICH HE HAS DEFERRED ACCEPTING UNTIL AFTER ARRIVAL IN SOUTH AFRICA. ASHE HOPES VISIT CAPE TOWN, DURBAN, AND POSSIBLY GABORONE. AMONG INVITATIONS RECEIVED IS ONE FROM PRESIDENT KHAMA OF BOTSWANA.

3. CONTACT POINT WITH ASHE/DELL IS OWEN WILLIAMS, TOURNAMENT ORGANIZER. ASHE CONTEMPLATES STAY IN PRIVATE HOME, POSSIBLY THAT OF WILLIAMS, WHILE IN JOHANNESBURG AND IN HOTELS OTHER CITIES. RUSH

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